



The Kenyon Chronicle

TH 56/60, CSAH 12 Reconstruction Project:

Several major road improvement projects will be taking place in Kenyon this year, including a complete reconstruction of Trunk Highway 56 from Home Street to Red Wing Avenue and a portion of CSAH 12. Planning for this project began in 2010 and will finally get underway in early June and scheduled to be completed by mid-July. The project will require a detour for local traffic. More information on the detour route will be provided by the Minnesota Department of Transportation in the near future.

In addition to this reconstruction project, a renovation project will take place on Gunderson Boulevard and TH 60 from Huseth Street to Red Wing Avenue. This project will take place in July and August and includes a 3" bituminous overlay of the concrete section and a mill and overlay of the remaining area. The sidewalk pedestrian ramps will also be replaced during this project.

The City of Kenyon will be responsible for a small portion of the total cost (\$1.7 million) for these projects, with the remainder coming from the State of Minnesota and Goodhue County. These upgrades to Kenyon's infrastructure and roadway surfaces will provide a much needed facelift to the downtown corridor.

Need help paying your ENERGY BILLS?

Three Rivers Community Action Energy Assistance Program may be able to help you with winter energy bills. (Eligibility is based on household income.) Serving Goodhue, Rice and Wabasha Counties

Call Three Rivers Community Action!
800-277-8418
www.threeriverscap.org

The Energy Assistance Program is funded by the State of Minnesota, Department of Commerce through a block grant from the Federal Health and Human Services Department.

Funding is available for Energy Assistance through Three Rivers. For an application, contact City Hall or call the number above.

Round Up Program Begins with January Billing

The Round Up Program to benefit the local food shelf is in effect with the enclosed bill. If you are participating, your bill has been rounded to the next whole dollar, and the proceeds will be given to All Seasons Community Food Shelf in Kenyon. If you wish to opt-out of this program, please contact the utility office at 789-6415.

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KMU Needs Your Current Contact Information:

When there are unexpected electric or water repairs in an area, KMU tries to contact affected homeowners to let them know when their electric or water service may be interrupted. We have found that many contact numbers have changed, and we are unable to phone residents regarding outages.

Please write your current home phone or cell phone number on your utility bill remittance next month. The contact number you give us should be equipped with voicemail so that we can leave a message for you if necessary.

KENYON PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS:

MON.- WED- FRI. 10 AM - 4:30 PM

TUES. - THU.: 10 AM - 6:30 PM

CLOSED ON SATURDAY

Magazines: If you have current magazine subscriptions, and don't know what to do with them after you've read them, how about giving those current copies to the Library, where they can be shared with others. If interested, please contact the Library at 789-6821.

Downloadable Audiobooks and eBooks:

All you need is a Kenyon library card, and a reading device to download from the SELCO catalog from the convenience of your own home, or at the library's download station. Contact the Library for further information or go to:

www.kenyon.lib.mn.us



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We're on the Web: www.cityofkenyon.com

Storm Sewer Maintenance Fee

The City Council approved an increase in the storm sewer maintenance fee on Jan. 10, 2012. (*The last increase was in 2002.*) As in the past, the fee is applied per parcel. The new rates are:

- ◆ Residential - \$3 per month
- ◆ Non-Residential - \$6 per month
- ◆ Multi-Family Residential - \$1.50 per unit

Rose Fest Committee

Rose Fest 2012 will be held on August 17 - 19, 2012. The Rose Fest Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. EVERYONE WELCOME! You can email them at: kenyonrosefest@hotmail.com

Snow Ordinance

Snow Removal: It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street after a continuous or intermittent snowfall during which there has been any accumulation of two (2) inches or more of snow on any street, until all snow, ice & similar debris has been plowed or removed from the paved portion of the street (from curb to curb). All vehicles not removed will be ticketed and/or towed.

Sidewalk Ordinance: Property Owners: All ice and snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow or other precipitation causing the condition has ceased to fall. All sidewalks abutting Hwy. 56 & 60 between Langford & Spring streets must be clear of all ice and snow within 12 hrs.

Reminder: When removing snow from your property, it cannot be put onto city streets, alleyways or your neighbors property.

Fire Hydrants



REMINDER: If you have a fire hydrant near your property, please be sure to clear the snow away from the hydrant as you shovel. Precious minutes could be lost if firefighters need to access the hydrant in case of fire.

KANS FOR KENYON

The Park and Recreation Committee has an on-going fundraiser collecting aluminum cans. You can contribute by dropping off your aluminum cans in the trailer which is located in the parking lot across the street from Fred's IGA. All proceeds are used for local recreational programming, equipment, and events. We appreciate your continued support!

33rd Annual Carriage & Cutter Parade

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Parade begins @ 1:30 p.m.

- Watch 75 to 100 Horse drawn parade units
- Enjoy the kids petting zoo, pony rides, wagon rides
- Take a tour of the Historic Gunderson House
- Visit businesses and food vendors on Main Street
- Shriners Clown Club to entertain the crowd

2nd Annual 5K Run / Walk

Saturday, February 25, 2012

12:00 p.m. (followed by the C & C Parade)

- \$20 Early Registration at City Hall or online (*Mail In / Walk In*) postmarked by Feb. 15, 2012
 - \$25 Registration (*Feb. 16, through race day*)
- Online Registration: <http://www.runwalkjog.com/kenyon/>
- Race Day Packet Pick-up & Registration at Held Auto Center from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.

For more information: email: kenyon5krun@gmail.com

City Hall or www.cityofkenyon.com

Facebook: Kenyon's Parks & Recreation

4th Annual Home Improvement Fair

Plans are being made for the 4th Annual Home Improvement Fair to be held in March, 2012. Contractors, retailers, and local service providers will be on hand to help you start planning spring projects.

WATCH FOR DETAILS!

License Your Pets

All cats and dogs within the City of Kenyon require a license **each year**. You will need to provide current rabies information to obtain the license. Cost: \$5 (spayed / neutered); \$10 (Not spayed / neutered). After May 1st, the cost increases by \$2.



KABA (Kenyon Area Business Association) is in it's second year, and currently has 45 members. Check out the new KABA website at: www.kenyonkaba.com KABA meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. All business are welcome. For further information contact David

UPCOMING MTGS & EVENTS:

- FEB. 14 & MAR. 13: CITY COUNCIL MTG. AT 7 P.M.
- FEB. 15 & MAR. 21: KMU COMMISSION MTG. AT 6 P.M.
- FEB. 16 & MAR. 21: PARK & REC. COMMITTEE MTG. AT 6:30 P.M.
- FEB. 21 & MAR. 20: LIBRARY BOARD AT 6:30 P.M.
- FEB 1: HOUSING, HOME IMP. FAIR
- FEB. 26 - CARRIAGE & CUTTER PARADE AT 1:30 P.M.
- FEB 26 - 5K RUN / WALK - 12:00 P.M.
- FEB. 28 - PUBLIC HEARING FACILITIES PLANT (WWTP)
- APR. 12: LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION AT 5:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS